

# WEST SCRANTON

## Sixteenth Annual Commencement at St. Patrick's Parochial School—Wheemen's Smoker—Notes and Personals.

The basement of St. Patrick's church was filled to overflowing last evening with the parents, relatives and friends of the graduating class of St. Patrick's Parochial school, where the annual commencement exercises were held.

The stage was elaborately decorated with ferns, pink, white and green bunting, and flags, with a background of set scenery, which, with the pretty gowns worn by the participants, made an exceedingly pretty stage effect. The scene was enhanced by a number of incandescent lights arranged about the stage.

The exercises began at 7:30 o'clock, with a selection by the school orchestra, in which a number of clever young musicians took part. The salutatory address was given by Master Arthur DeAyala, in which he extended a welcome greeting to all, and asked for the indulgence of the assembly in the exercises of the evening, and their sympathy and help in the future life of the class. His effort was well received, and elicited much applause.

Rev. J. B. Wheemen, pastor of the church, then conferred the honors on the graduates and a number of others who had merited recognition for proficiency in their respective studies and departments. He said that the small tokens meant much to the children, who will cherish them dearly all through life.

The promenade of duces and peddlers, enacted by about a hundred little boys, in costume, was a pleasing feature and showed careful training on the part of the sisters of the school. Probably the best event of the evening, and which was most enjoyed by all, was "Red Riding Hood's Rescue," in which Miss Carmel Fahy acted the part of the little heroine.

She was ably sustained by a large chorus of children in costume, and by Mary Gilroy, James McHugh, James McAuliffe, and others, who assumed speaking parts in the dialogue. The singing was really a surprise, where so many children were assembled, and the music was tuneful and catchy. This was followed by a violin solo, played by Master Frank McHugh, who displayed much talent for one so young.

Another pleasing feature was the sword drill by a hundred or more boys, in six sets of four, captained by Hugh Boyle, who gave a good exhibition drill. In this number Master James McHugh recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade," and showed that he is as clever at reciting as he is at singing. The

boys also sang well in the closing chorus. The accompanists also deserve special mention for their part of the entertainment, which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

The closing chorus of the children was given in the cantata, "The Druid Priests," and this number was well presented. The scene is laid near the Welsh border, about the middle of the fifth century, when Druidism was fast giving way to Christianity. The different characters were assumed by Mabel Mullen, Margaret Gilroy, Regina McDermott, Lizzie McCaffrey, Marie Reese, Sadie Arthurs, Margaret Fleming, and Mary Gilroy, and the choruses were sustained by the senior and junior pupils.

The closing number was the ensemble of the graduating class, and the recitation of the class poem by Miss Regina McDermott, after which Father Wheemen offered his blessing to each one. He said:

"This is the closing act in the sixteenth annual commencement of St. Patrick's Parochial school, and while all were good, this was perhaps the best of all. It is gratifying to see so many people here who are interested in the cause of education, not alone the parents, but also friends of the graduates. Education is the great weapon used through life to fight the battles which confront us, and especially in this age, when we not only battle for existence, but must fight to keep away those influences which tend to demoralize us. Education is a weapon to use under all circumstances, and those who receive it cannot throw it away, but must use it to the best advantage."

The members of the graduating class are as follows: Classical course—Arthur De Ayala, Margaret Gilroy, Mabel Mullen, Regina McDermott, Marie Reese, Elizabeth McCaffrey, Sadie Arthurs, James McHugh, Margaret Fleming, Mary Gilroy, Frances McHale, Commercial course—Agnes Casey, Theresa Howley, Mary Cusick, Kathleen Johnson, John Gilroy. The Misses Gilroy are sisters.

**Leave for Home Today.**  
Rev. Samuel R. Jenkins, of Methyrt Tydvil, and Rev. William Jenkins, of Pontypool, who have been visiting in Scranton and other places for some time, will leave for home today. They were entertained at dinner last evening by Mr. and Mrs. David H. Jenkins, of Scranton street.

Since coming to America, these gentlemen have visited Boston, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Stroudsburg, Scranton, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Cleveland, Niles, Youngstown, Chicago, Denver, Omaha, Colorado Springs, Cripple Creek, Pike's Peak, Manitou, Racine, Milwaukee, Cambria, and other places. They leave for New York today, and after a trip up the Hudson and a trip through the New England states, will sail from Boston on July 2.

**Electric City Wheelmen.**  
One of the popular smokers and stag luncheons of the Electric City Wheelmen was held at the club house last evening, which was participated in by a large number of the club members. A novelty in the way of picture reproduction was introduced by F. L. Meyers, the Spruce street art dealer, who is the originator of what is known as the "megascopes," with which any picture from a newspaper, magazine or photograph can be easily produced in colors, just as print or drawn.

The exhibition is similar to a stereopticon, but differs in that any kind of a picture can be thrown on the canvas just as it appears in print. Another feature was a four-round sparring exhibition by two clever young fellows, who gave a good account of themselves with the gloves. Lunch was served afterwards, and the time was afterwards spent in a "smoke talk" and card games, etc.

**Bauer's Band Concert.**  
The following programme will be given by Bauer's band this evening at the Fairchild's hotel in the interest of the Elks' carnival:

March, "The Bessie-Queen," Ellensberg Overture, "Romantic," Keller  
Selection, "The Strollers," Engländer Intermezzo, "Salambo," Morse Medley, overture, "Something Doing."

March, "Invincible Eagle," Sousa Selection, "Floradora," Stuart March, "King of the Turf," Tobani

**Attacked the Watchman.**  
Anthony Murphy, of Fulton street, North Scranton, was arrested at an early hour yesterday morning for being drunk and disorderly in the vicinity of E. Robinson's brewery.

When ordered away by the watchman, Volgaud Stern, Murphy became abusive and made threats against him and also assaulted him.

It took both Volgaud and Michael Stern to land Murphy in the station house. At the hearing he was held in \$100 bail to answer the charges of assault and battery and making threats.

**Lost in His Home Town.**  
William Edginton, the blacksmith, who has been located in Keyser Valley for some time, came to town Wednesday evening and after inebriating freely, started homeward.

He lay down somewhere on the way, and fell asleep, and incidentally received a soaking in the rain. When he awoke, to use his own expression, he "didn't know whether he was in New York or Philadelphia," and acknowledged having been lost for the first time in thirty-five years' residence in West Scranton.

A conductor on a Luzerne street car picked William up somewhere along the line and brought him to town. After regaining his equilibrium, Edginton started to fill up again, and finally

**GREEN RIDGE.**  
Prof. J. B. Hawker, principal of No. 27 school, with his family, is summering near Buttermilk Falls.

A large mail box for packages has been placed with the small mail box, at Delaware street and Penn avenue.

The high winds of Wednesday night broke off many trees in this vicinity and blew down several sections of the high board fence recently erected around the grounds of the Elks' carnival.

The Sabbath school of the Primitive Methodist church will picnic at Riverbank, Friday, July 4.

The annual lawn festival of the young men of the Church of the Good Shepherd, which was begun last evening on the church lawn, exceeds in the number of booths and the variety of articles offered for sale that of any previous year. A large fire light has been placed in the center of the lawn and Japanese lanterns are strung in every direction over the grounds. About 400 persons were served last night. Bauer's band played throughout the evening, and those in charge of the booths were kept

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Both have studied the social, industrial, political and religious conditions in this country, and have been greatly benefitted by their trip, both mentally and physically. They have made many friends by their affability, and consider Scranton a great city.

**Sisters Graduate.**  
An unusual feature in connection with the commencement exercises of St. Patrick's school last night was the graduation of two sisters, the Misses Mary and Margaret Gilroy, the talented daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Gilroy, of 529 Pleasant street.

The young ladies have held a high place among the members of their class and have shown that they had undoubtedly



THE MISSES MARY AND MARGARET GILROY.

talent in a musical way. Both of them had important parts in the fine programme so exceptionally well rendered at last night's commencement exercises.

As a graduation present the Misses Gilroy have received a handsome piano from their brother, Frank Gilroy, who is rapidly forging to the front as one of West Scranton's most active and aggressive young business men.

**Departure of Mrs. Jones.**  
Mrs. Mary Francis Jones, a resident of the West Side for the past twenty years, is going to her native land, Wales, to join her husband, who is an official at one of the leading collieries in Rhondda valley. Mrs. Jones quite recently visited Wales, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Jones. She returned to America for the purpose of adjusting her affairs and now returns to her native land for the purpose of making it her future home.

She has been an earnest and conscientious member of the First Welsh Baptist church during all her residence in this city and the members of this church and the community in general regret her departure. The Ladies Aid society of the church in which she has been so diligent in her work, especially regret her departure.

Wednesday afternoon there was a tea party in her honor, in the church parlors, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society at which a large number of members were present. Two distinguished ladies from Wales also graced the occasion with their presence. They were Mesdames Llewellyn and Painter. All present wishing Mrs. Jones a safe voyage across the great deep and a safe arrival at home.

**PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.**  
Miss Mary Neville, of Fairview avenue, attended the Donnelly-Mangan wedding at Hawley on Wednesday.

Miss Annie McGee, of Tunkhannock, is visiting her sister, Miss Celia Connor, of Jackson street.

Harry Mott, who has just graduated from State college, was in town yesterday on his way to Schneetz, N. Y., where he will enter the employ of an electrical company.

Miss Annie Morgan, of South Main avenue, entertained a number of her friends at her home on Wednesday evening at a ping-pong party, in honor of her guest, Miss Corvill, of Long Island.

Walter Jones, of the West Side bank, returned home yesterday from Bloomsburg, where he attended a wedding on Wednesday.

Miss Flora Lockwood, of Binghamton, is visiting her cousin, Miss Lockwood, of South Main avenue.

Miss Bertha E. Beaumont, of South Seventh street, is making arrangements for a trip to Sweden in the near future.

Mrs. William T. Peters, of Waverly, N. Y., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Pass, of North Summer avenue, and son, William Fritchard, of West Lackawanna avenue.

A farewell reception was tendered Mrs. David Francis Jones by the Ladies Aid society of the First Welsh Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Griffiths will sail for South Wales on Wednesday accompanied by Mrs. E. Painter and Mrs. Llewellyn, both of South Wales.

**SOUTH SCRANTON NOTES.**  
St. Mary's hall on Hickory street was again crowded last evening when a repetition of Wednesday night's programme was rendered. The short character sketches were vigorously applauded and Master Joseph Ricci as the master shoemaker, made a distinct hit. At the conclusion of the programme, 22 refreshments were served and a dance followed.

D. J. LaBar had his boarding mistress arrested yesterday on a charge of larceny by bailie. At a hearing before Alderman Lentes the case was stated. Mrs. Lentes advised that the goods be returned, which was done and the case was discharged.

At a recent meeting of the Council House company it was agreed to liquidate all outstanding liabilities and divide the balance of the treasury surplus, which will amount to about \$4,000 to each member of the stand.

The funeral of Mrs. John Miller took place yesterday and was largely attended. Services were held at the house and interment was made in Pitston avenue cemetery.

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A drawing for a clock will take place tonight at the Arlington hotel, 929 Pitston avenue.

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busy dealing out their wares. The festival will be continued tonight, and the young men solicit the continued patronage of their friends.

Mrs. Halsey Lathrop, of Cherry place, Green Ridge, has returned home from a three week's visit with friends in Honesdale.

**DUNMORE.**  
The botany class of the High school will go to Campbell's Ledge this morning, leaving the corners at 8 o'clock. Prof. Davis will accompany them, and hopes every member of the class will be present.

Miss Madge Rowlands, of Rowlands, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, and Miss Cornelia Galpin, of Elm street, are sojourning in New York city.

George Winterstein, Ralph Ives and George Kellam returned home last night, after spending a week in New York city.

Prof. Joseph Hansen, of the Stroudsburg Normal school, was a guest at the Wagner-Robacker wedding last night.

Miss Lucy Heal, who graduated with this year's class at the Stroudsburg Normal school, is at home.

**OBITUARY.**  
MRS. LAURA KNAPP, wife of E. B. Knapp, died at her late home, on East Market street, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, aged 62 years. Deceased was born in England on June 21, 1840. When a babe her parents came to this country and settled in New Orleans, where she was educated in a French convent. She came to Scranton in 1877, and was married to Z. B. Knapp, purchasing agent for the coal department of the Delaware and Hudson company, on July 24, 1880. She was a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge. Deceased was a most amiable woman, one whose charity knew no bounds, and was loved and respected by a large circle of friends, who will miss her kindly advice and counsel. Her husband, Z. B. Knapp, was at Mount Clemens Springs, Michigan, where he had gone for his health, when the death summons came. The funeral services will be held at the residence, 522 East Market street, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Dunmore cemetery and will be private.

**JOHN S. DAVIS,** an aged resident of Bellevue Heights, died at his home, on Snyder avenue, at 1 o'clock Wednesday night. Deceased was a native of Rhymney, South Wales, and had been a resident in Bellevue thirty-nine years. He was a deacon of the Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church, and a member of Hyde Park lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Stockbridge of Odd Fellows. The funeral services will be held at the house at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in the Washburn street cemetery.

**FRANCES ENSLIN,** aged 70 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Victor Stone, on Cross street, Dunmore, Wednesday evening after a lingering illness. The funeral will occur on Saturday morning and interment will be made in South Canaan. The funeral party will leave on the 8:15 a. m. Erie train.

**DEWEY TESTIFIES.**  
Tells Senate Inside Facts of Manila's Surrender.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, June 26.—Admiral Dewey testified before the senate committee of the Philippines today concerning the early operations at Manila, when he was in command of the American naval forces in Philippine waters. The admiral contended an important addition to the history of the surrender of the city of Manila. It consisted of a positive assertion by the admiral to the effect that the city had been actually surrendered to him at the time that the Spanish fleet was sunk, and that when the city did nominally surrender, it was in pursuance of a definite understanding between himself and the Spanish-governor-general.

The admiral was questioned by Senator Lodge. He said he had first heard from Aguinaldo and his friends about April 1, 1898, a month before the battle of Manila bay, when it became certain that there was to be a surrender.

"I then heard that there were a number of Filipinos who desired to accompany the fleet to Manila," he continued. "All of them were young and earnest. I did not attach much importance to them or to what they said. The day before we left the harbor I received a telegram from Consul General Pratt, located at Singapore, saying that Aguinaldo was at Singapore and would join me at Hong Kong. I replied, 'All right; tell him to come aboard,' but I attached so little importance to the message that

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**RECIPROCITY TREATY.**  
Senator Quesada and Secretary Hill Prepare a Plan.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, June 26.—Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, and Acting Secretary Hill were engaged today in going over the basis of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Cuba. The matter has progressed to the point where it has been possible to draft the convention, and it would be easy to complete it and reduce it to the final form in which it would go to the senate in a very short time. This is accounted for by the fact that no substantial points of difference between the negotiators have developed. It is understood that the war department was consulted in the early stages of the matter.

These negotiations do not signify that it is the intention to submit a reciprocity treaty to the senate at the present session, though the Cuban minister has professed his willingness and ability, if the thing were desired, to secure promptly from his government the exceptional and extraordinary powers that would be needed to enable him to conclude the treaty, and the administration regards as a wise precaution to have a treaty all prepared and ready for immediate ratification. The state department is carefully protecting the details of the schedules as they are so far embodied in the treaty, but it is believed that they are very similar to those set out in the pending Cuban reciprocity bill.

**Horses and Mules Burned.**  
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Detroit, Mich., June 26.—No surprise developed in today's state Republican convention, and as was expected Governor Aaron T. Bliss, of Saginaw, was renominated for a second term on the first ballot.

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